



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Honduras

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Thank you, Madame President

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Honduras and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Honduras' efforts to advance human rights domestically. In particular Ireland underlines its support for the Special Prosecutors' Offices and encourage Honduras to ensure that these offices are effectively resourced so that they can fulfil their mandate. We also commend Honduras's progress in police reform, and encourage Honduras to continue on this path.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Honduran authorities:

1. Implement more effectively and fully the 2016 National Protection Mechanism, to ensure the protection of human rights defenders and sign and ratify the Escazú Agreement (the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean)

2. Support the work of the Inter-Institutional Commission of the Follow-up on Investigations on the Violent Deaths of Women and Femicide, and accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

We wish Honduras every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.